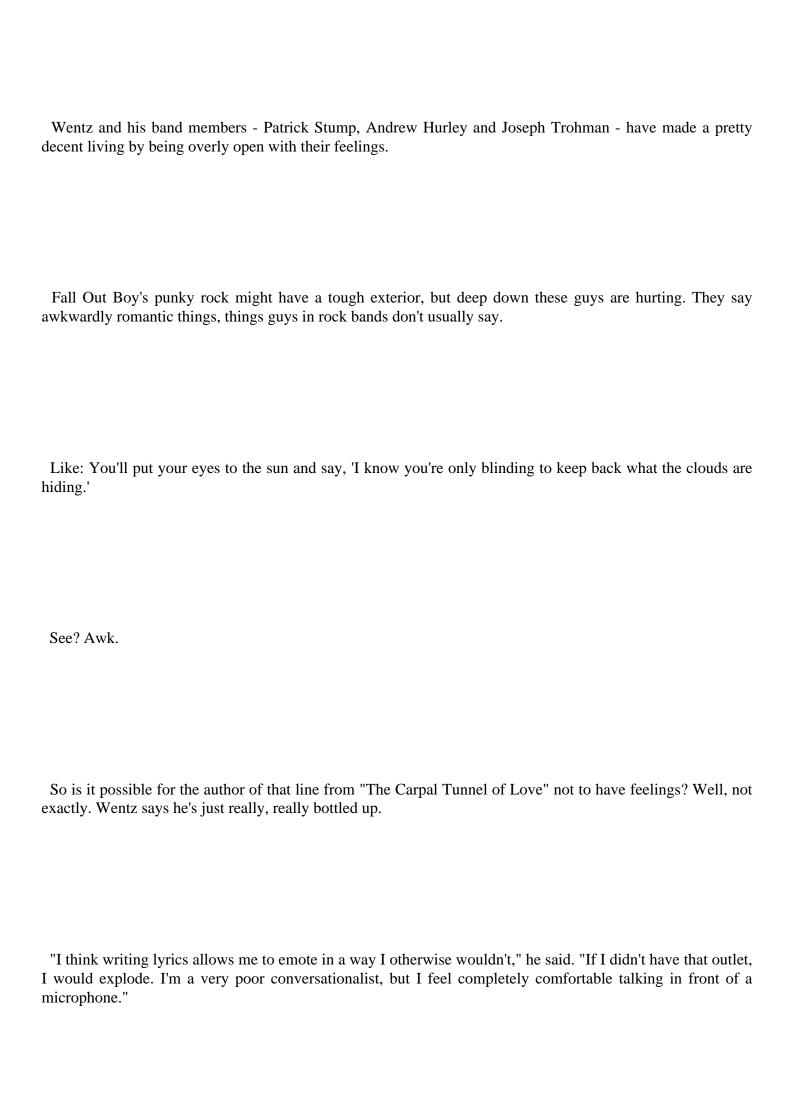
## by Nina Garin Here's something you won't believe: Pete Wentz does not cry. The Fall Out Boy bassist may write emotional lyrics about all sorts of heartbreaky things, but you will not see a tear anywhere near his black-linered eyes. FALL OUT BOY - You may not know it by his music, but Fall Out Boy bassist Pete Wentz loves Motown, Michael Jackson and World Cup soccer. CNS Photo by Sean M. Haffey. "I can't remember the last time I cried. I know it's been a really long time since I cried over a relationship," Wentz said. "I'm not really good at showing emotions. I go through life in a kind of robotic way. I don't show excitement about much, either." Gasp! How can this be? The same guy who wrote: You're just the girl all the boys want to dance with / And I'm just the boy who's

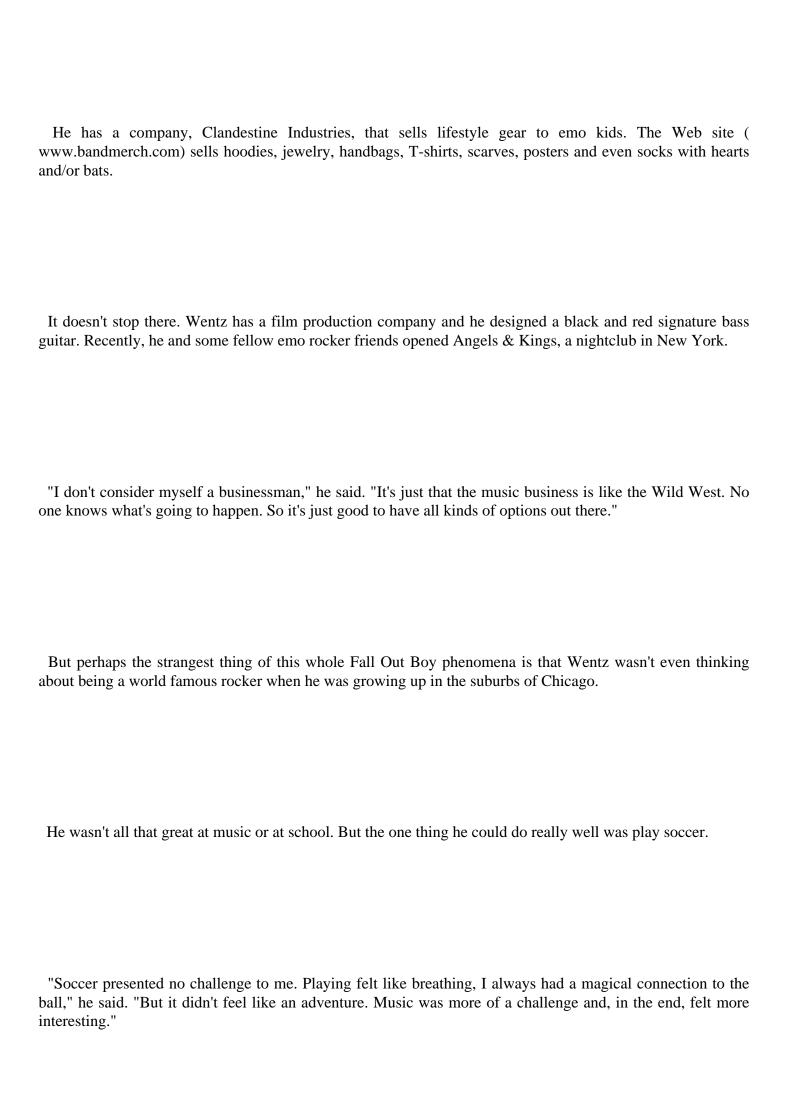
had too many chances ("A Little Less Sixteen Candles a Little More Touch Me") is emotionally barren?

Pop Talk: Wentz's lyrics push Fall Out Boy to rare heights



Anyone who has ever gone to a Fall Out Boy concert knows all about Wentz's love of the spotlight. Ever though he's Fall Out Boy's most popular band member, he isn't even the frontman. He's the bassist.
But Wentz commands a stage like he's a highly-trained show dog - posing just right for his legion of lady fans, then doing extreme jumps and twirls to please the rocker crowd.
This love of attention doesn't seem to be limited to live shows, either.
Wentz constantly makes gossip headlines for his pervy online behavior (posted Internet pictures of hi nether-regions), his love life (girlfriend is Ashlee Simpson) and his mysterious breakdowns.
Fall Out Boy recently had to postpone a bunch of concert dates because Wentz had "personal issues."
Those issues weren't revealed, but the bassist has always been open about his battles with depression.

In 2005, Wentz took an overdose of anxiety pills and moved back home with his parents. He even wrote a book, "The Boy With the Thorn in His Side," based on his childhood nightmares.
Still, he insists that just because he's so open in his writing, people - even his most devoted fans - don't really know him.
"The beauty of being the person behind the pen is that you get to rewrite history," he said. "But people who read my lyrics think they have me all figured out. I haven't even figured myself out yet so it blows my mind that other people think they have."
It's not easy to figure out a guy like Wentz.
Along with being in a rock group that somehow churns out very catchy songs year after year, he's also a savvy businessman.
Wentz runs Decaydance Records, which represents other popular bands like Panic! At the Disco, The Academy Is and Gym Class Heroes.



After deciding to devote himself to music, Wentz hooked up with other Illinois rockers and created Fall Out Boy in 2001. Though the band didn't reach commercial success until 2005, it had a huge underground following that spread through word of mouth and the internet.
And now, with the release of its latest album, "Infinity on High," the band is clearly going to be around for a while. The album debuted at No.1 and its singles continue to top the pop charts.
The group is even branching out further by collaborating with Kanye West and Timbaland.
Still, no matter how successful Wentz's projects are, he'll always be that insecure kid who doubts himself at all times.
"I actually think a lot of my words aren't eloquent," he said. "They're even kind of misogynistic, emotionally stunted. But Patrick's voice makes up for those things. That guy can sing the phone book and people would listen to it."

Fall Out Boy is on the Honda Civic Tour with a handful of other bands. Here's the rest of the lineup:
(44): We shouldn't have to tell you that this is Mark Hoppus and Travis Barker's new band. You know, from blink-182? And Pete Wentz loves blink-182. "I really look up to blink-182. I'm impressed with their longevity and I think the way they've been able to reinvent themselves is genius."
The Academy Is: Like Fall Out Boy, this emo band also comes from the suburbs of Chicago. And its album is on Wentz's label. Oh, and members of this band opened a New York nightclub with Wentz. So they're pretty much BFFs.
Paul Wall: What's this? A rapper at an emo show?? What's going on? Perhaps Clandestine Industries sees a future in selling grills with bats and hearts? Anyway, this Houston rapper should bring some much-needed diversity.
Cobra Starship: This is the band that provided the theme song to "Snakes on a Plane." Do you really need anything more than that?
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The Lineup